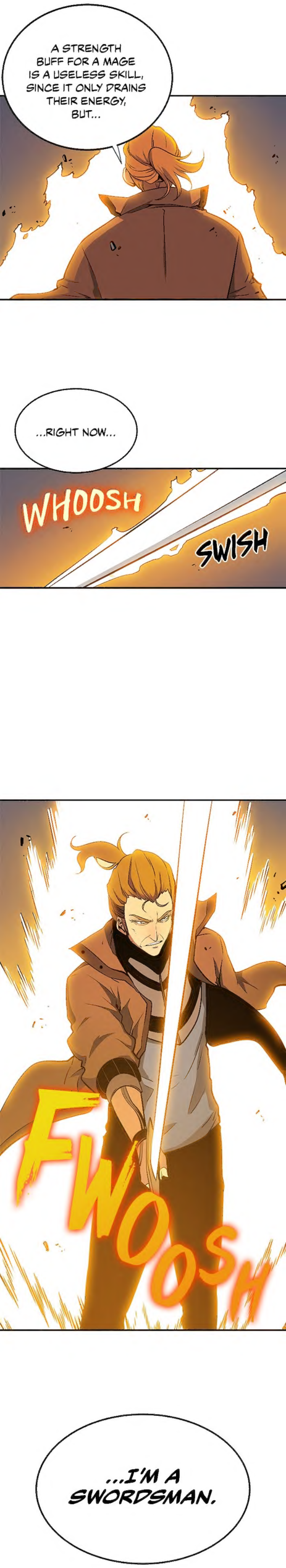
A STRENGTH BUFF FOR A MAGE IS A USELESS SKILL, SINCE IT ONLY DRAINS THEIR ENERGY, BUT...
...RIGHT NOW...
WHOOSH
SWISH
FWOOSH
...I'M A SWORDSMAN.

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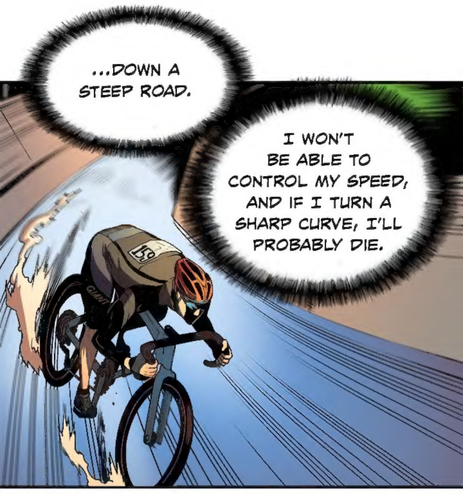
BECAUSE I'M A MAGE, I HAVE LOWER STRENGTH, HEALTH, AND AGILITY STATS THAN THIS GUY. I HAVE TO BE AWARE OF MY DISADVANTAGES BEFORE ATTACKING.


...DOWN A STEEP ROAD.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY SPEED, AND IF I TURN A SHARP CURVE, I'LL PROBABLY DIE.

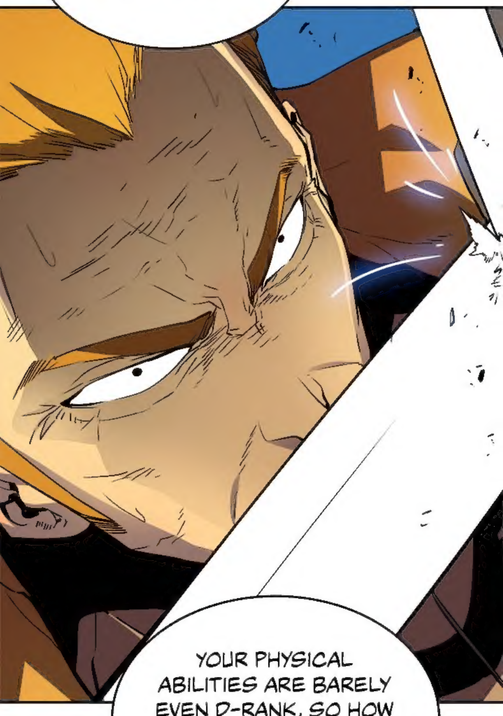
SWOOSH

CLANK

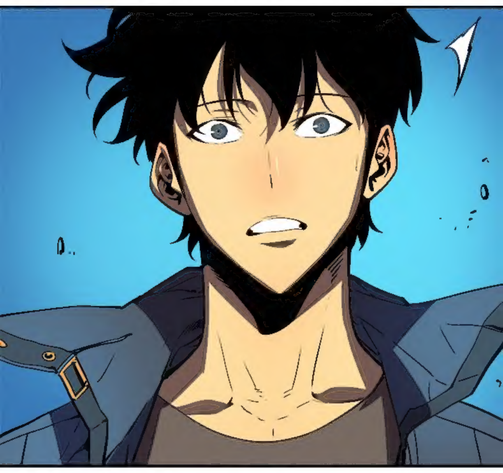
MAGE HUNTERS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST ASSASSIN HUNTERS.

OPTING FOR A SWORD WAS PROBABLY A GOOD CHOICE.

BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE STILL JUST A MAGE.



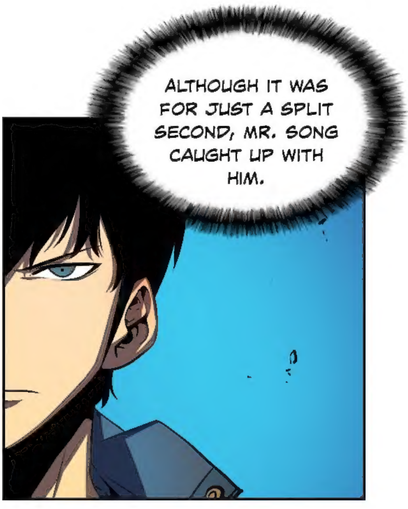
YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITIES ARE BARELY EVEN D-RANK, SO HOW WOULD WIELDING A SWORD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?



SHING

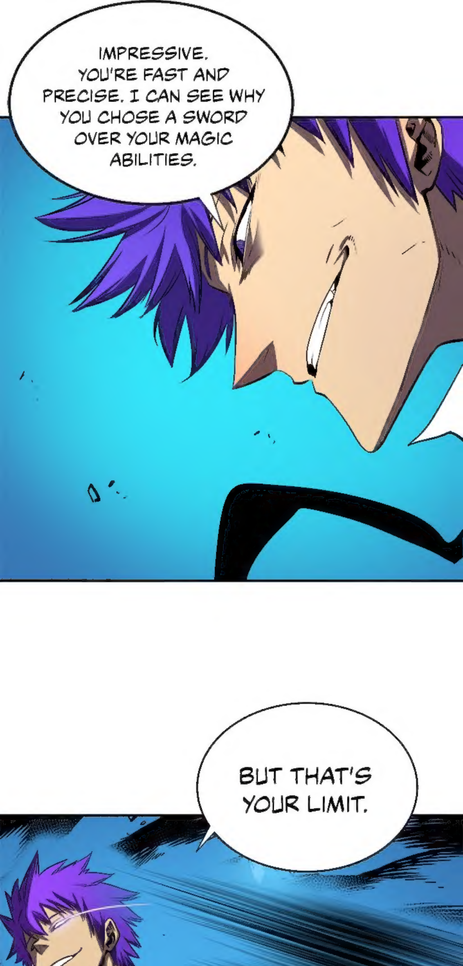
IT COULD VERY WELL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

YOU'RE PRETTY FAST.
YOU'VE BEEN BUFFED, BUT SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE ALREADY SKILLED.
SWISH


ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOR JUST A SPLIT SECOND, MR. SONG CAUGHT UP WITH HIM.

IF HE COULD JUST GAIN A BIT MORE SPEED...

SWOOSH


IMPRESSIVE. YOU'RE FAST AND PRECISE. I CAN SEE WHY YOU CHOSE A SWORD OVER YOUR MAGIC ABILITIES.

BUT THAT'S YOUR LIMIT.
SWISH

JUST THINK ABOUT IT. THERE'S A REASON WHY MAGE SWORDSMEN DON'T EXIST.

THAT HEALER IS GETTING ON MY NERVES.

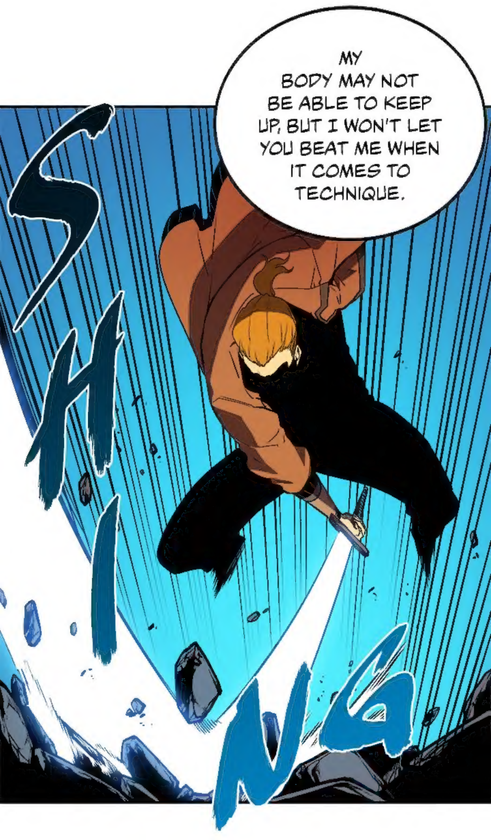
I CAN'T LET THIS BECOME A FIGHT OF ENDURANCE.

NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON AN OPPONENT WHO'S WIELDING A SWORD.
SWOOSH
YOU UNDERESTIMATED ME.

CLA
NK

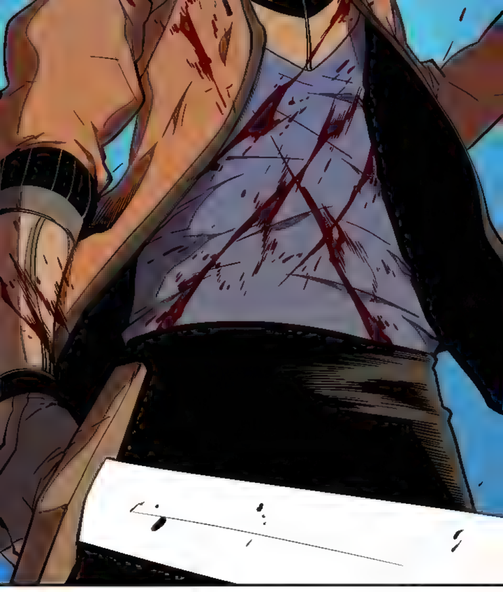
YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT AN ORDINARY OLD MAN, THAT'S FOR SURE.

I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I TRAIN AN S-RANK HUNTER.


MY BODY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP UP, BUT I WON'T LET YOU BEAT ME WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNIQUE.
SHING

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S A LIMIT TO YOUR STRENGTH.
SWISH

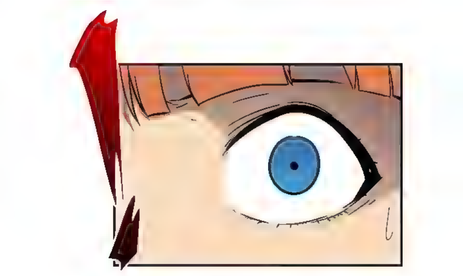
DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S POSSIBLE...
CLINK
...FOR A LOWLY MAGE TO KEEP UP WITH THE SPEED OF AN ASSASSIN?
CLINK
DON'T BE SILLY NOW.
CLINK
CLANK
CLANG



SOMEONE A BIT STRONGER MIGHT'VE STOOD A CHANCE, BUT...
...I'M MUCH HIGHER IN RANK THAN YOU.

MAGE HUNTERS LIKE YOU CAN'T EVEN KEEP TRACK OF MY MOVEMENTS.

MR. SONG!!
WOBBLE



GOOD, THAT'S VERY SMART OF YOU. SEEMS YOU'VE REALIZED THAT IT'S NO USE TRYING TO FIGHT ME.

...

I'LL GIVE YOU A QUICK AND PAINLESS DEATH!

WHOOSH

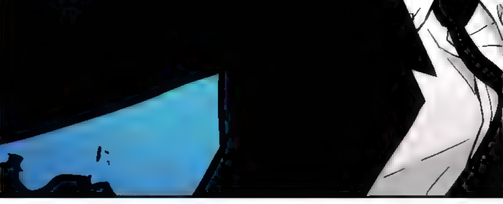
KA
BOOM

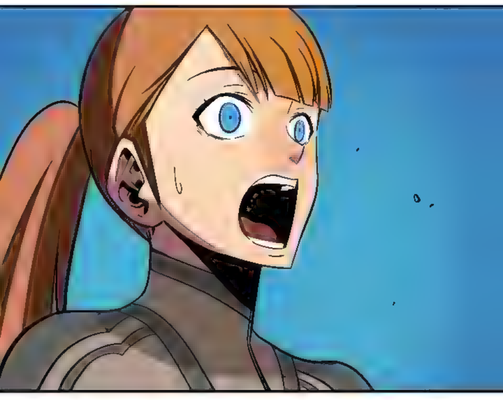
DID IT WORK...?

A MAGE PRETENDING TO BE A SWORDSMAN IN ORDER TO DISTRACT ME FROM HIS MAGIC ABILITIES.
FSHHH

YOU WAITED FOR ME TO ATTACK SO THAT YOU COULD UNLEASH YOUR MAGIC ON ME AT THE PERFECT MOMENT.
NOT A BAD PLAN... YOU SLY OLD SNAKE.
IS THIS... THE END?
DIE.

CLAANG





YOU AGAIN?

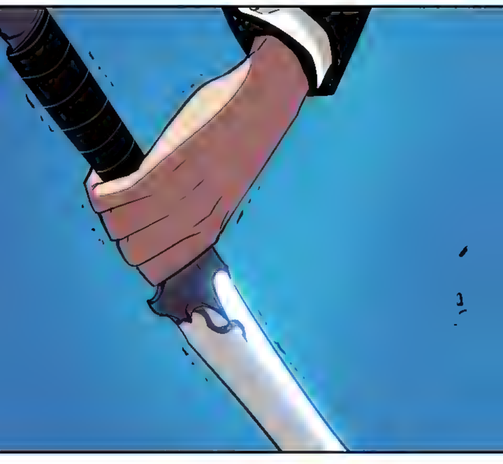
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR RANK?

I'M SUNG JINWOO.
AN E-RANK.

STEP

E-RANK, YOU SAY?
PFFT...
YEAH, RIGHT.



SUNG... HOW DID YOU DO THAT...?!

I GUESS IT'S POSSIBLE FOR AN E-RANKER TO HAVE SUCH STRENGTH IF YOU'RE A POWER-TYPE HUNTER.
BUT JUDGING FROM YOUR REFLEXES, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME AVERAGE GUY.
YOU MANAGED TO BLOCK MY ATTACKS TWICE.
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE AN ASSASSIN HUNTER?
NO, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR CLASS.

YOU'VE BEEN HIDING YOUR TRUE SKILLS.
DA DUN

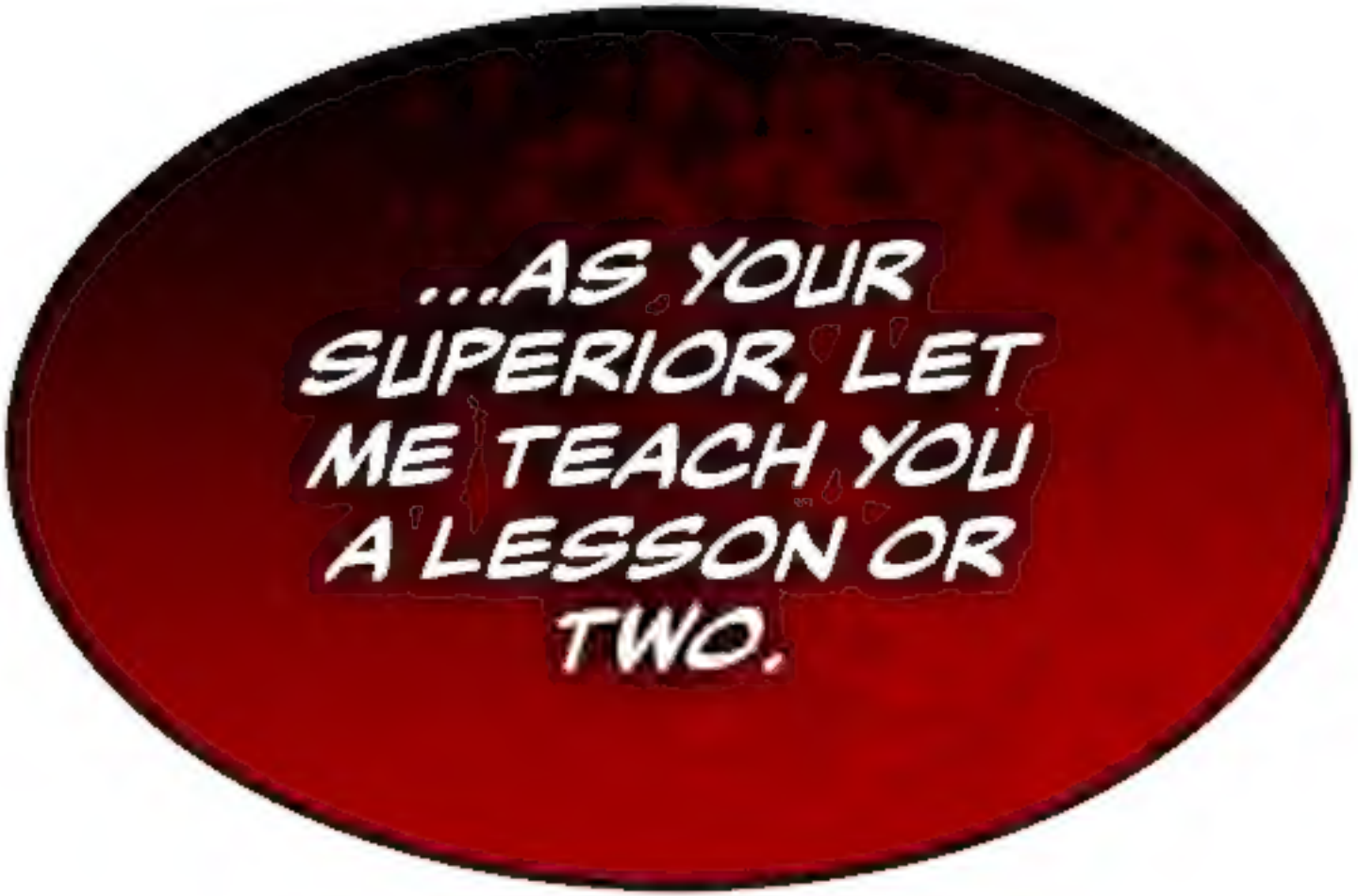
ARE YOU A FALSE RANKER? NO, YOU SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ON CLOSE TERMS WITH YOUR FELLOW HUNTERS FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW, SO THAT CAN'T BE IT.

A FALSE RANKER WOULD NEVER SPARE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO'S WITNESSED THEIR TRUE POWERS. THAT WOULD JUST BE STUPID.

WHICH MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER.

YOU'VE BEEN REAWAKENED.

SUNG?!
REAWAKENED?!
JUDGING FROM THEIR REACTIONS... LOOKS LIKE IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE YOU'VE BEEN REAWAKENED.
HMM, I THINK MR. WOO JINCHUL RECENTLY WENT LOOKING FOR SOMEONE HE SUSPECTED OF REAWAKENING...
EITHER WAY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE AS A HUNTER.
IN THAT CASE...


...AS YOUR SUPERIOR, LET ME TEACH YOU A LESSON OR TWO.

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